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## ALWA: ONE OF CHILE'S "WINES OF GOLD"

Nine judges from nine different countries met in Chile to participate in the **2012 Wines of Chile Awards (AWOCA 2012)**. This distinguished group included the UK's Peter Richards MW, Debra Meiburg MW of Hong Kong, Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW of Singapore, Anthony Gismondi of Canada, and Bill St. John from the USA.

In over a week the judges tasted a broad selection of Chile's 400 best wines before awarding Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to their top choices.

Alwa 2009, which will be released onto the global market in March 2012, was awarded a Gold Medal as one of Chile's best wines.



ON THE EVE OF THIS YEAR'S HARVEST WE CAUGHT UP WITH SERGIO IN THE VINEYARDS, ANXIOUSLY CHECKING ON EACH BLOCK AND VERY EXCITED AND THRILLED ABOUT THE UPCOMING HARVEST.

**1. Sergio, how do you see the 2012 season?**

*Even though this will be my 20th harvest, each year has a degree of uncertainty that makes us almost expect some surprises to be in store for us. We do have a lot of reasons to be optimistic about this year's outcome, though, as the management and labor we have undertaken in our four vineyards, combined with the climate up to now, have been very much in line with our expectations for a great 2012 season, with excellent quality grapes.*

*I should mention what is perhaps our main concern this season—drought, which has affected several wine-growing valleys over the past three years and is sure to have affected production in many vineyards. Fortunately, in our case we have been able to ensure we have enough water to meet our requirements, mainly by using it very efficiently.*

**2. Can we expect anything particularly special this year?**

*I think we are making headway with many varieties, and to a large extent the newer vineyards such as those in Leyda and Colchagua are already reaching maturity. We will also delve more deeply into fermentation with native yeast, especially with Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, as well as Carmenera. The Cabernet from Alto Cachapoal looks very promising, as do other varieties that are going*

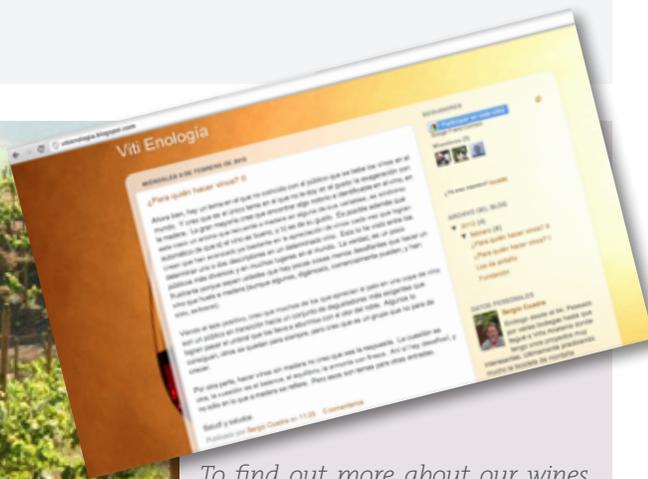
*to be incorporated into our portfolio such as Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot.*

**3. Regarding Alwa 2009, which will be released in a few weeks and has already won major acclaim, what were you trying to achieve with this blend?**

*In every blend we strive to articulate elegance, complexity and concentration, in that order. I think that Alwa 2009 is a step forward in our constant, unwavering search for a balanced wine with a sense of place.*

**4. In your opinion, what does this Cabernet-based wine represent in Viña Anakena's portfolio?**

*For me, this wine is blazing the trail that Viña Anakena has set out for itself. The trail that leads to wines of quality, excellence, and personality. Alwa 2009 is a step up, and it is quite interesting that even before its release a group of recognized international judges has awarded with a Gold Medal.*



To find out more about our wines and our winemaker Sergio, visit his <http://viti-enologia.blogspot.com/>

**Sergio Cuadra, Chief Winemaker**